MangaBox

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ORIGINAL STORY
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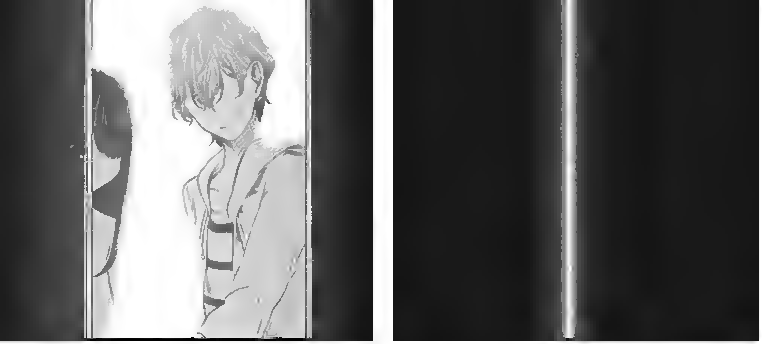
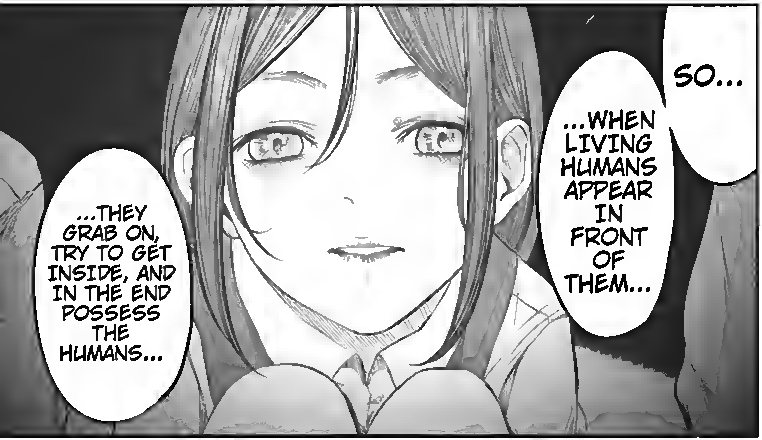
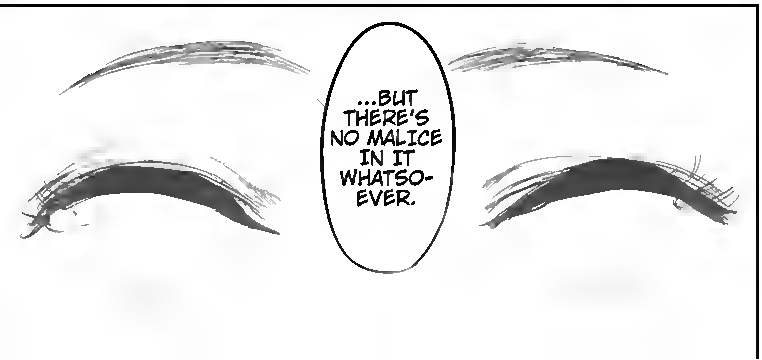
THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, GROUPS, OR EVENTS.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SHE'LL WAKE UP SOON.
.....
...THEY WERE MERGED SPIRITS.
THOSE GHOSTS WHO WERE TRYING TO SWALLOW YOU UP.
MERGED SPIRITS...? THOSE KIDS?
.....
YES... VERY YOUNG SOULS WHO DIE VIOLENTLY CAN'T STAND BEING ALONE.
THEY GROUP UP, AND MERGE INTO A SINGLE SPIRIT.
THEY BECOME A MASSIVE GHOSTLY AMALGAM.

THESE CHIL-DREN...
...ARE FAR DIFFERENT FROM THE COMPLETELY MALICIOUS SPIRITS WE'VE SEEN BEFORE.
THEIR FUNDA-MENTAL DRIVE ...
...IS LONE-LINESS.
THAT'S ALL IT IS...



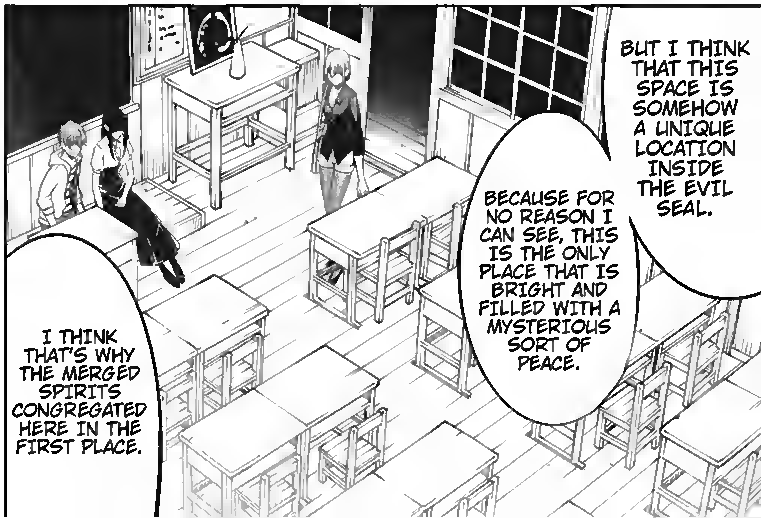

SO...
...WHEN LIVING HUMANS APPEAR IN FRONT OF THEM...
...THEY GRAB ON, TRY TO GET INSIDE, AND IN THE END POSSESS THE HUMANS...

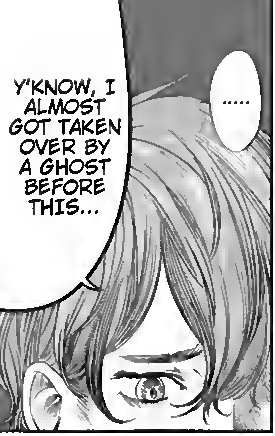

...BUT THERE'S NO MALICE IN IT WHATSO-EVER.

...THAT AMANUMA AND I MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THAT CURSED SPACE OR WHATEVER THAT THE EVIL SPIRITS MADE?
YOU MUST HAVE.
WHERE ARE WE NOW...?
...I DON'T KNOW.

THAT'S...
TRUE.

SARA-CHAN?
DOES THAT MEAN...
HM?


BUT I THINK THAT THIS SPACE IS SOMEHOW A UNIQUE LOCATION INSIDE THE EVIL SEAL.
BECAUSE FOR NO REASON I CAN SEE, THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT IS BRIGHT AND FILLED WITH A MYSTERIOUS SORT OF PEACE.
I THINK THAT'S WHY THE MERGED SPIRITS CONGREGATED HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.


Y'KNOW, I ALMOST GOT TAKEN OVER BY A GHOST BEFORE THIS...
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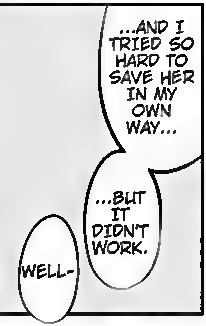
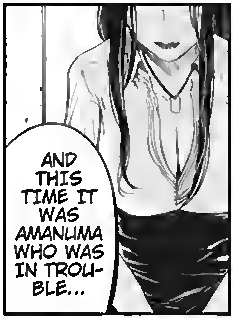
A UNIQUE LOCA-TION...
HUH...


...AND I TRIED SO HARD TO SAVE HER IN MY OWN WAY...
...BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.
WELL-


AND THIS TIME IT WAS AMANUMA WHO WAS IN TROU-BLE...

BUT AMANUMA SAVED ME... AND AFTER THAT SHE JUST KEPT SAVIN' ME...
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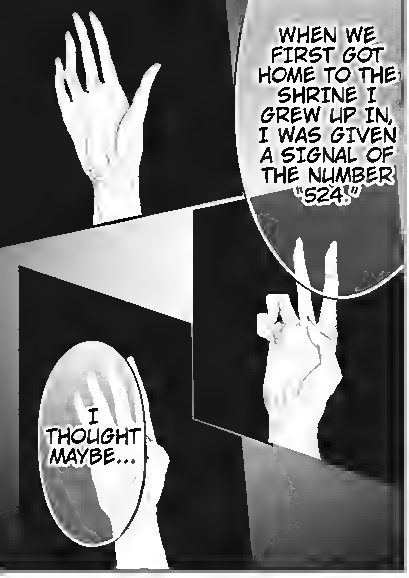
SORRY ...
...I DUNNO HOW TO SAY IT...
...BUT YOU REALLY SAVED OUR LIVES.

THANKS.
OH... DON'T TELL AMANUMA ABOUT THIS.
It's all out of character, and all
I WON'T. ω
HA HA HA...
YEAH.
.....
BY THE WAY, SARA-CHAN, HOW'D YOU GET HERE? YOU SAID YOU RUSHED OVER, AND ALL....
tri... Scratch
BUT DON'T... WORRY ABOUT IT.


WHEN WE FIRST GOT HOME TO THE SHRINE I GREW UP IN, I WAS GIVEN A SIGNAL OF THE NUMBER "524."
I THOUGHT MAYBE...

GASP
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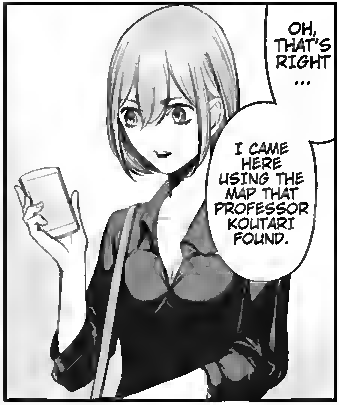
OH, THAT'S RIGHT ...
I CAME HERE USING THE MAP THAT PROFESSOR KOUTARI FOUND.

IT COULD HAVE MEANT 5TH YEAR, CLASS 2, NUMBER 4.

5TH YEAR, CLASS 2, NUMBER 4?
WAIT ...
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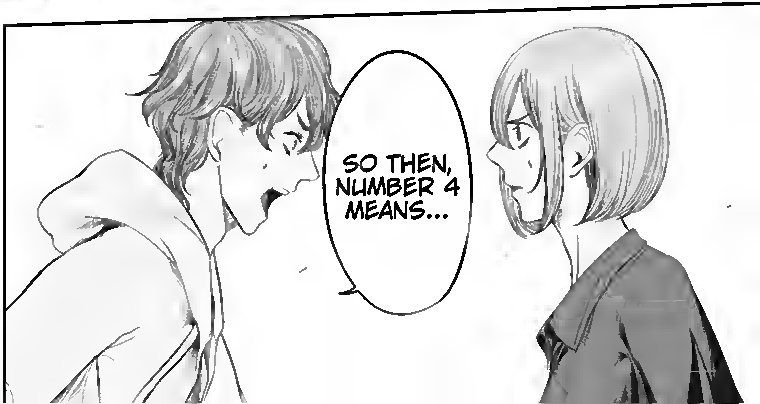
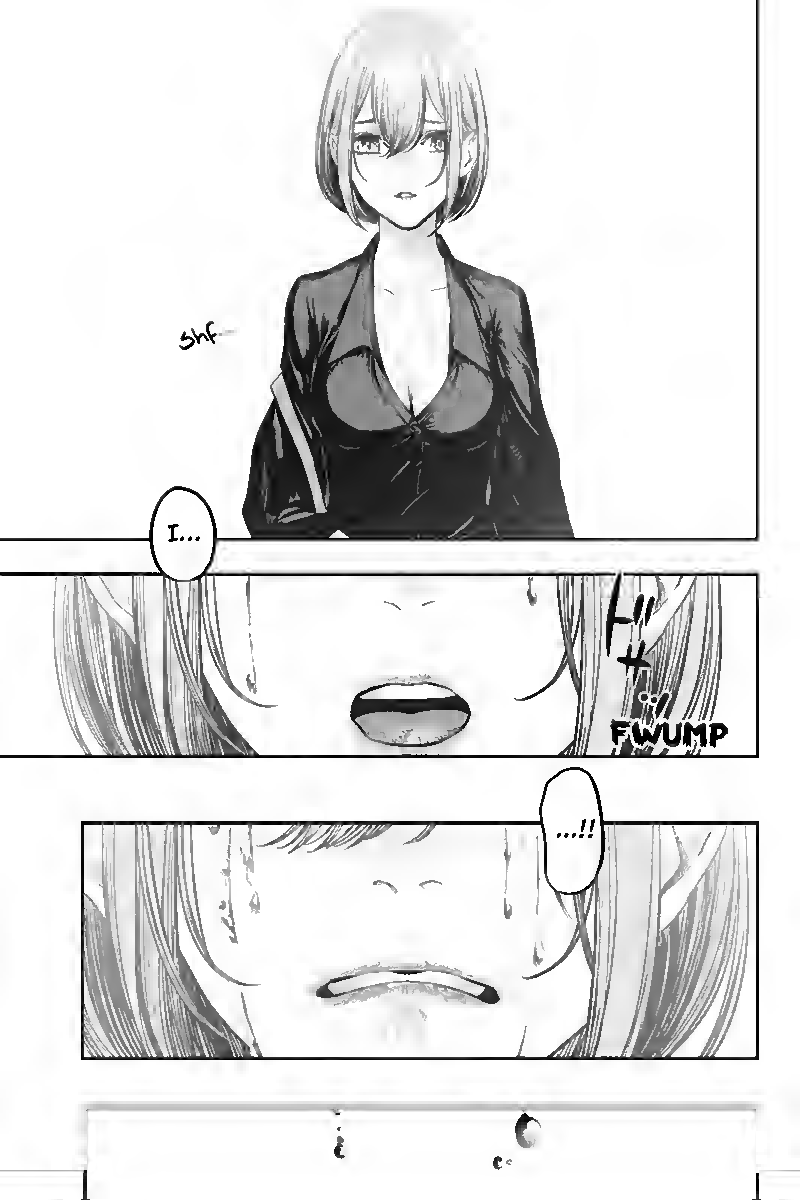
WHAT ?!
THIS CLASS-ROOM IS 5TH YEAR, CLASS 2!!
5 - 2
THAT'S RIGHT!


SO THEN, NUMBER 4 MEANS...

THAT'S MY SEAT NUMBER.
A-AMA-NUMA?
...!!

YOU'RE AWAKE?!
AMANUMA-SAN'S UNCON-SCIOUS BODY HAS A SPIRIT INSIDE IT.
NO...
WHAT ?!
SO SHE'S BEEN POS-SESSED ?!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
THIS VOICE ...

SARA-CHAN... IT'S BEEN SO LONG.
YOU REALLY DID COME FOR ME, DIDN'T YOU?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FWUMP
...!!

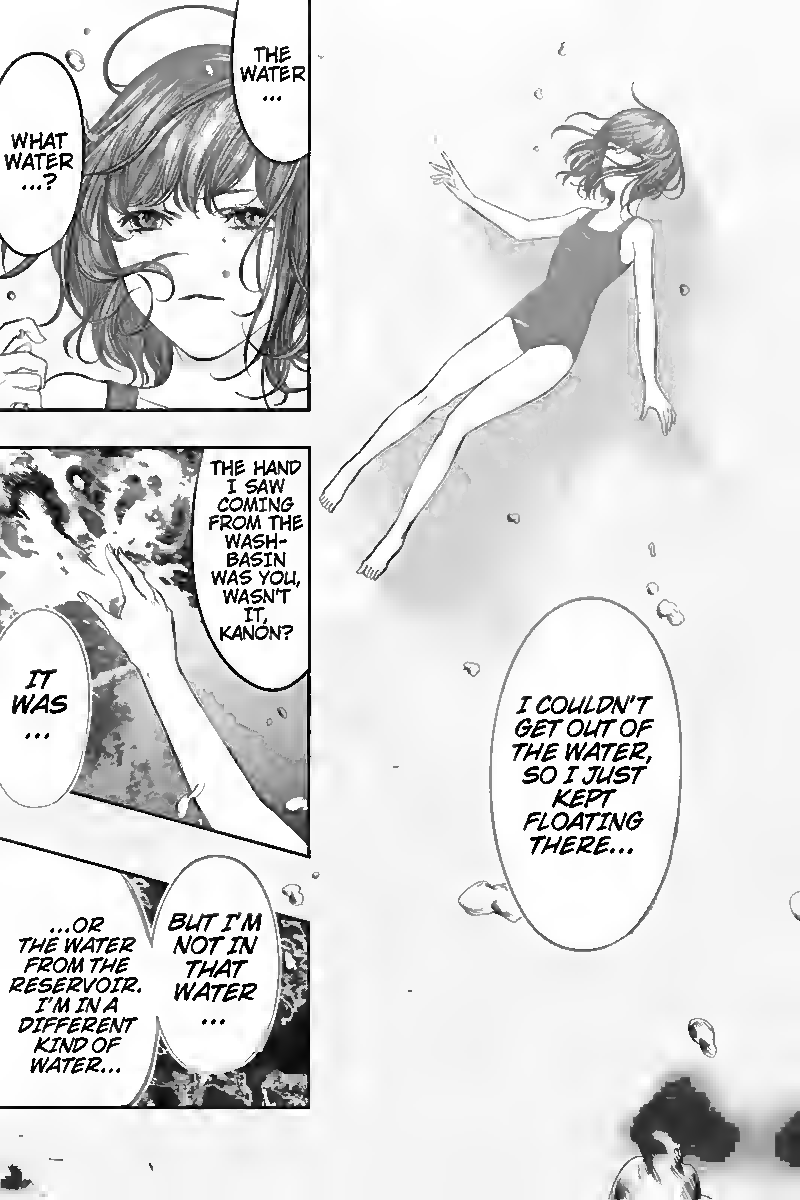
KANON-CHAN...
...IT REALLY IS YOU, ISN'T IT?

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE...!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE...
...THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING ME.
FWSH
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE FORGOTTEN YOU!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVER SINCE THEN!!
I HAD TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU DISAPPEARED SO SUDDENLY BACK THEN...!!

I HAD TO KNOW WHERE YOU DISAP-PEARED TO...

...IN THE WATER ...
...THE WHOLE TIME.
I WAS...


THE WATER ...
WHAT WATER ...?
THE HAND I SAW COMING FROM THE WASH-BASIN WAS YOU, WASN'T IT, KANON?
IT WAS ...
I COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE WATER, SO I JUST KEPT FLOATING THERE...
BUT I'M NOT IN THAT WATER ...
...OR THE WATER FROM THE RESERVOIR. I'M IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF WATER...

THE WATER THAT FLOWS BETWEEN OUR WORLD AND THE OTHER...
TO BE CONTINUED...